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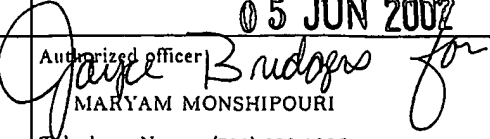
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(54) Title: PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MYCOPLASMA-ASSOCIATED DISEASES

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the prevention and treatment of diseases associated with undesirable cell proliferation, including atherosclerotic narrowing of blood vessels and malignancy, comprising preventing or treating infection by mycoplasma. It is based, at least in part, on the discovery that, in many cases, mycoplasma infection exists coincident with undesirable cell proliferation and/or proliferation of other infectious organisms.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION WAS LACKING

This ISA found multiple inventions as follows:

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Group I, claim(s) 1-8, 11-15, drawn to an enzyme having activities from the group consisting of :trans-sialidase, neuraminidase and a combination thereof, compositions comprising said enzyme for treatment of increased cell proliferation, methods of treating cell proliferation using said composition.

Group II, claim(s) 1-10, drawn to said enzyme, compositions comprising said enzyme for the treatment of a disorder characterized by coinfection with mycoplasma and a second microbe.

the special technical feature of Group I invention is treating a disorder characterized by increased cell proliferation which is distinct from an enzyme having neuraminidase and trans-sialidase activity or combination thereof and a composition comprising said enzyme for treating a disorder characterized by coinfection with mycoplasma and a second microbe, which is the special technical feature of Group II invention. Further, cell proliferation disorder could occur independently of infection with mycoplasma and a second microbe disorder.